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West Virginia
Economic Summary

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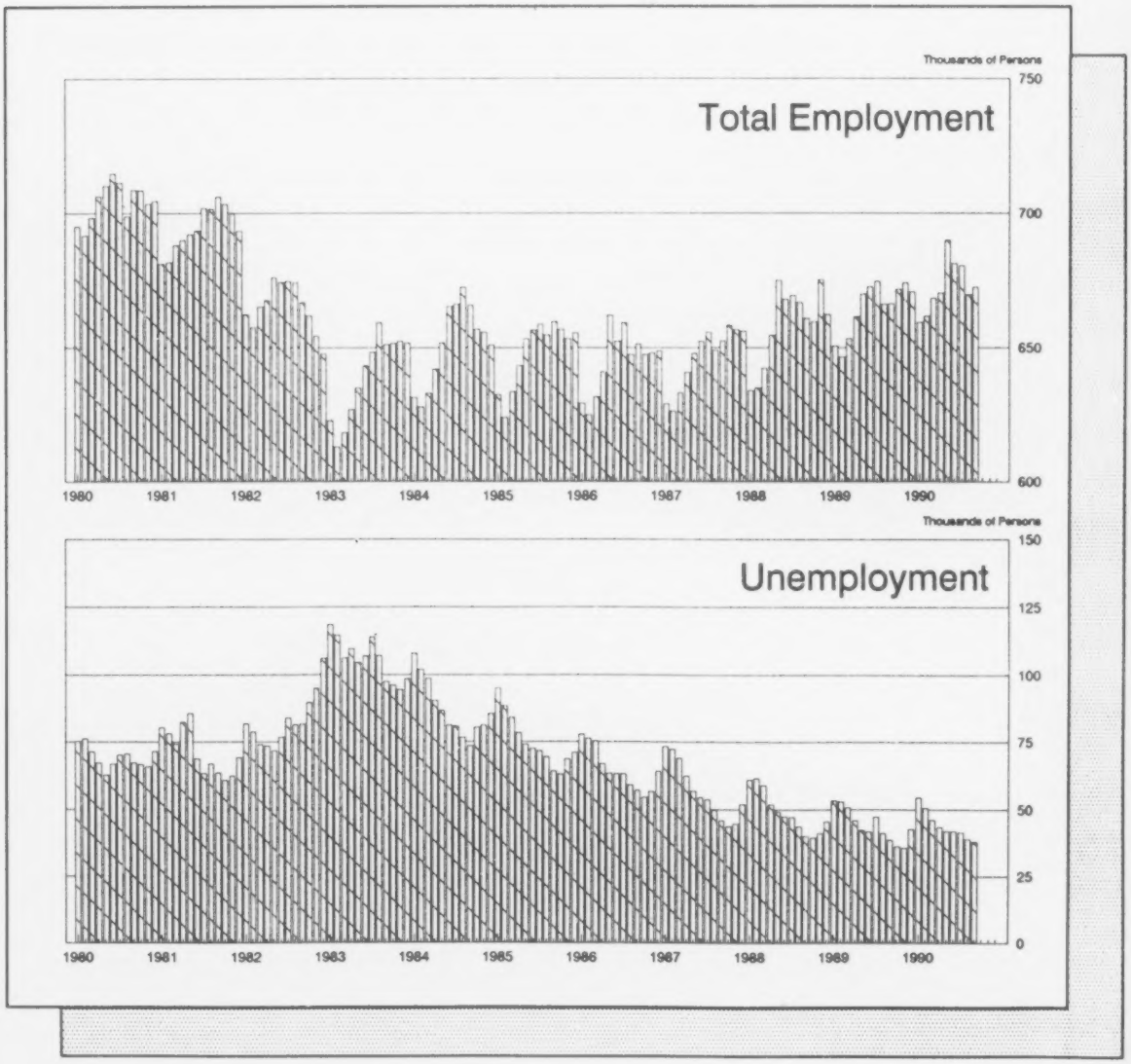

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Sept. 1990	August 1990	Sept. 1989
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	41.1	40.7	40.7
Seasonally Adjusted	41.2	40.9	40.8
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,688	2,698	2,732
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$476.76	$469.68	$461.13
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.4	43.1	43.7
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$812.66	$762.87	$786.60
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,377	14,684	12,503
Seasonally Adjusted	12,837	13,827	11,998
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,147	1,147	1,121
Seasonally Adjusted	1,144	1,140	1,118
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,149	6,941	7,780
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	927	934	654
Seasonally Adjusted	1,179	989	832
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,348	1,532	1,150
Seasonally Adjusted	1,876	1,713	1,600
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.2	2.2	2.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.0	2.8	2.7
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	6.2	6.0	6.3

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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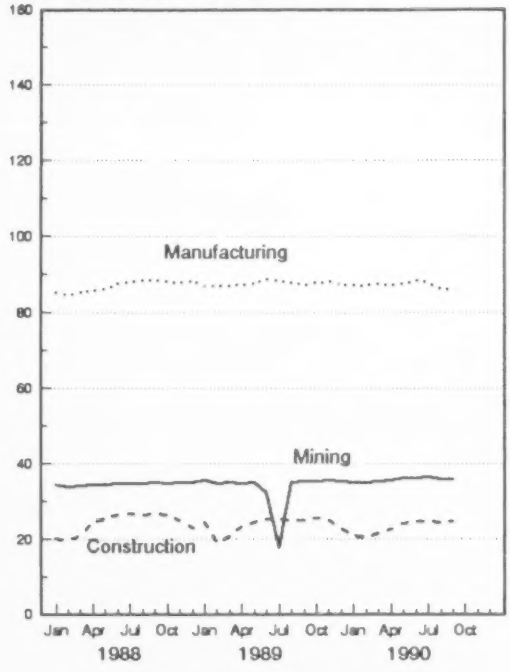
Selected National Data

	Sept. 1990	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.4	5.4	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.6	5.3
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	132.7	131.6	125.0
1967 Base	397.5	394.1	374.6
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	120.3	119.2	113.6
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	322.9	313.6	269.6
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.0	2.2	1.8
Seasonally Adjusted	2.4	2.4	2.1

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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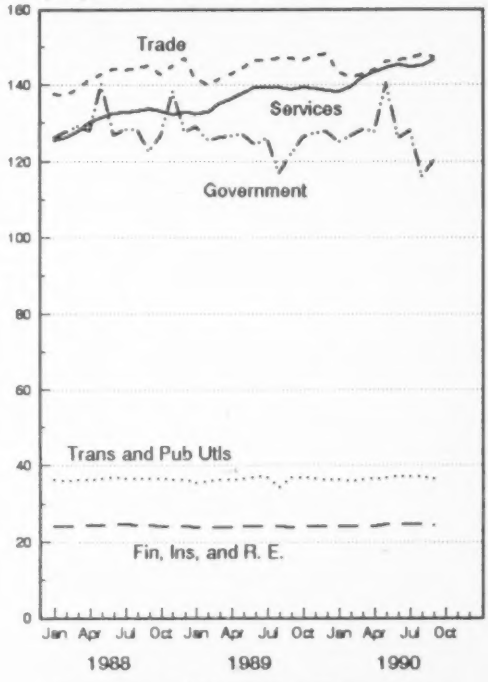

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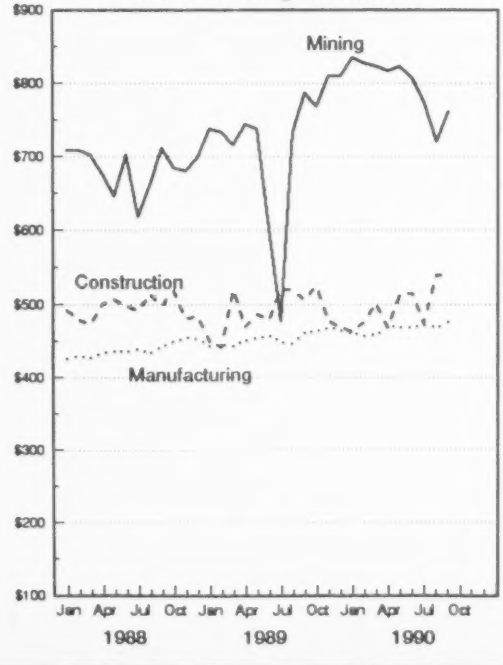

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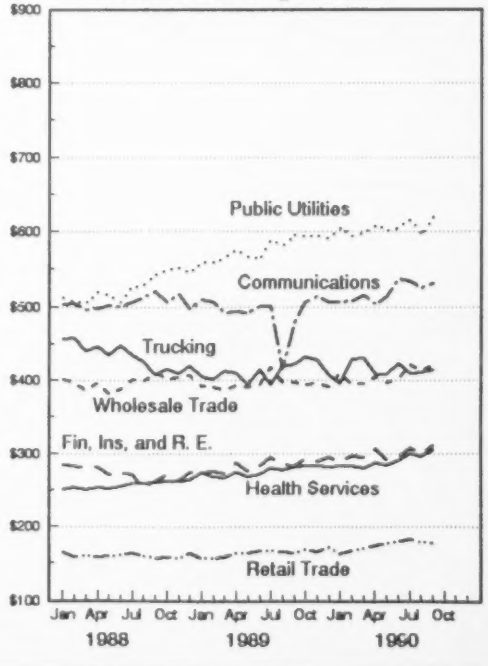


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Change From: Sep. 1989
Civilian Labor Force	710.6	708.5	704.7	2.1	5.9
Total Employment	672.4	669.5	666.2	2.9	6.2
Total Unemployment	38.1	39.0	38.5	-0.9	-0.4
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.5	5.5	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Civilian Labor Force	764.8	776.1	766.7	-11.3	-1.9
Total Employment	696.0	708.8	701.0	-12.8	-5.0
Total Unemployment	68.8	67.2	65.7	1.6	3.1
Unemployment Rate	9.0	8.7	8.6	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment increased 2,900 during the month to an estimated 672,400 in mid-September. A comparison with year-ago figures shows that there were 6,200 more people employed in West Virginia this September than in September of last year.

Employment on nonagricultural payrolls grew 3,600 between August and September. Construction gained 200, mining dipped by 100 and manufacturing recorded a loss of 800, although half of the manufacturing decline was due to a labor-management dispute in stone, clay and glass which has since been settled. Ongoing modest declines have been occurring in several manufacturing industries, however. Seasonal gains at schools were the dominant force behind job increases of 2,400 in state government, 3,100 in local government and 1,000 in private sector education, while the end of summer caused employment slowdowns in tourism (amusements -400, restaurants -600, hotels -100) and home improvement activities (building materials stores -300, special trade contractors -200). Trade jobs were down 600 due to the seasonal factors mentioned above despite an increase of 300 in general merchandise stores. The finance, insurance and real estate sector lost 200 due to contractions in finance employment, while the transportation and public utilities industries experienced scattered small losses that accumulated to -400 overall. Social services, which includes sheltered workshops with a seasonal pattern similar to schools, added 900.

Compared with September of last year, nonagricultural payroll employment has added 5,100 jobs. The improvements have been centered in the service-producing industries, which are up 6,400 since last year, while the goods-producing sector is lower by 1,300 since September a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents declined 900 to an estimated 38,100 in mid-September. The unemployment rate for September was 5.4 percent, the lowest September rate since 1979.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$476.76	$469.68	$461.13	41.1	40.7	40.7	$11.60	$11.54	$11.33
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	461.03	453.10	427.97	40.3	40.2	39.7	11.44	11.33	10.78
Primary Metals Industries	630.02	612.47	583.67	43.6	42.8	41.9	14.45	14.31	13.93
Fabricated Metal Products	433.01	404.25	392.17	39.4	38.5	37.6	10.99	10.50	10.43
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	456.88	447.68	452.26	39.0	38.1	39.5	11.92	11.75	11.45
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	490.36	502.62	478.23	39.8	41.3	40.7	12.32	12.17	11.75
Chemical & Allied Products	697.32	692.87	709.54	44.5	44.5	45.6	15.67	15.57	15.56
Coal Mining	812.66	762.87	786.60	45.4	43.1	43.7	17.90	17.70	18.00
Construction	537.99	539.20	506.97	38.9	40.0	38.7	13.83	13.48	13.10

Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1990

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	622.0	618.4	616.9	3.6	5.1
GOODS PRODUCING	146.4	147.1	147.7	-0.7	-1.3
Mining	35.9	36.0	35.4	-0.1	0.5
Coal Mining	30.3	30.4	29.7	-0.1	0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Other Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	24.7	24.5	25.0	0.2	-0.3
General Building Contractors	6.4	6.2	6.9	0.2	-0.5
Heavy Construction	7.1	6.9	6.3	0.2	0.8
Special Trade Contractors	11.2	11.4	11.8	-0.2	-0.6
Manufacturing	85.8	86.6	87.3	-0.8	-1.5
Durable Goods	47.7	48.4	49.7	-0.7	-2.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.5	7.6	7.6	-0.1	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.7	8.1	8.2	-0.4	-0.5
Primary Metals Industries	14.6	14.7	15.1	-0.1	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.0	5.1	5.1	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.5	5.6	5.9	-0.1	-0.4
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.5	2.4	2.7	0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.1	38.2	37.6	-0.1	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.4
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.1	4.9	-0.1	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	18.0	18.1	17.8	-0.1	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	475.6	471.3	469.2	4.3	6.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.8	37.2	37.0	-0.4	-0.2
Railroad Transportation	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	8.9	9.0	9.1	-0.1	-0.2
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.1	8.2	8.1	-0.1	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.5	12.3	-0.1	0.1
Trade	147.5	148.1	147.2	-0.6	0.3
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.6	30.7	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	116.9	117.5	116.5	-0.6	0.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.3	5.6	5.3	-0.3	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	16.5	16.2	18.2	0.3	-1.7
Food Stores	22.9	22.8	23.1	0.1	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.8	14.8	14.8	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	6.5	6.7	5.2	-0.2	1.3
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.8	4.7	4.7	0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.3	35.9	34.3	-0.6	1.0
Miscellaneous Retail	10.8	10.8	10.9	0.0	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.5	24.7	24.0	-0.2	0.5
Finance	13.7	13.9	13.6	-0.2	0.1
Insurance	6.6	6.6	6.3	0.0	0.3
Real Estate	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Services	146.7	145.2	139.0	1.5	7.7
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.7	2.1	0.0	0.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.2	9.3	8.4	-0.1	0.8
Personal Services	6.0	5.9	6.3	0.1	-0.3
Business Services	13.8	13.8	13.2	0.0	0.6
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.0	6.1	5.7	-0.1	0.3
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.4	6.8	6.6	-0.4	-0.2
Health Services	55.8	55.6	52.9	0.2	2.9
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.3	10.3	9.7	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	28.3	28.2	26.9	0.1	1.4
Other Health Services	17.2	17.1	16.3	0.1	0.9
Legal Services	4.0	4.0	3.6	0.0	0.4
Educational Services	4.8	3.8	4.4	1.0	0.4
Social Services	9.7	8.8	8.3	0.9	1.4
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.7	19.5	0.0	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.6	7.7	7.0	-0.1	0.6
Government	120.1	116.1	122.0	4.0	-1.9
Federal	15.6	16.0	16.3	-0.4	-0.7
Hospitals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	4.9	5.0	5.2	-0.1	-0.3
Other Federal	7.8	8.1	8.2	-0.3	-0.4
State	36.7	34.7	36.5	2.0	0.2
Hospitals	2.7	2.8	2.9	-0.1	-0.2
Education	15.1	12.7	14.4	2.4	0.7
Other State	18.9	19.2	19.2	-0.3	-0.3
Local	67.8	65.4	69.2	2.4	-1.4
Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.1
Education	43.2	40.1	44.1	3.1	-0.9
Other Local	19.7	20.4	20.3	-0.7	-0.6
Total Private Sector	501.9	502.3	494.9	-0.4	7.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.7	0.3	0.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonagricultural Payroll Employment by Industry

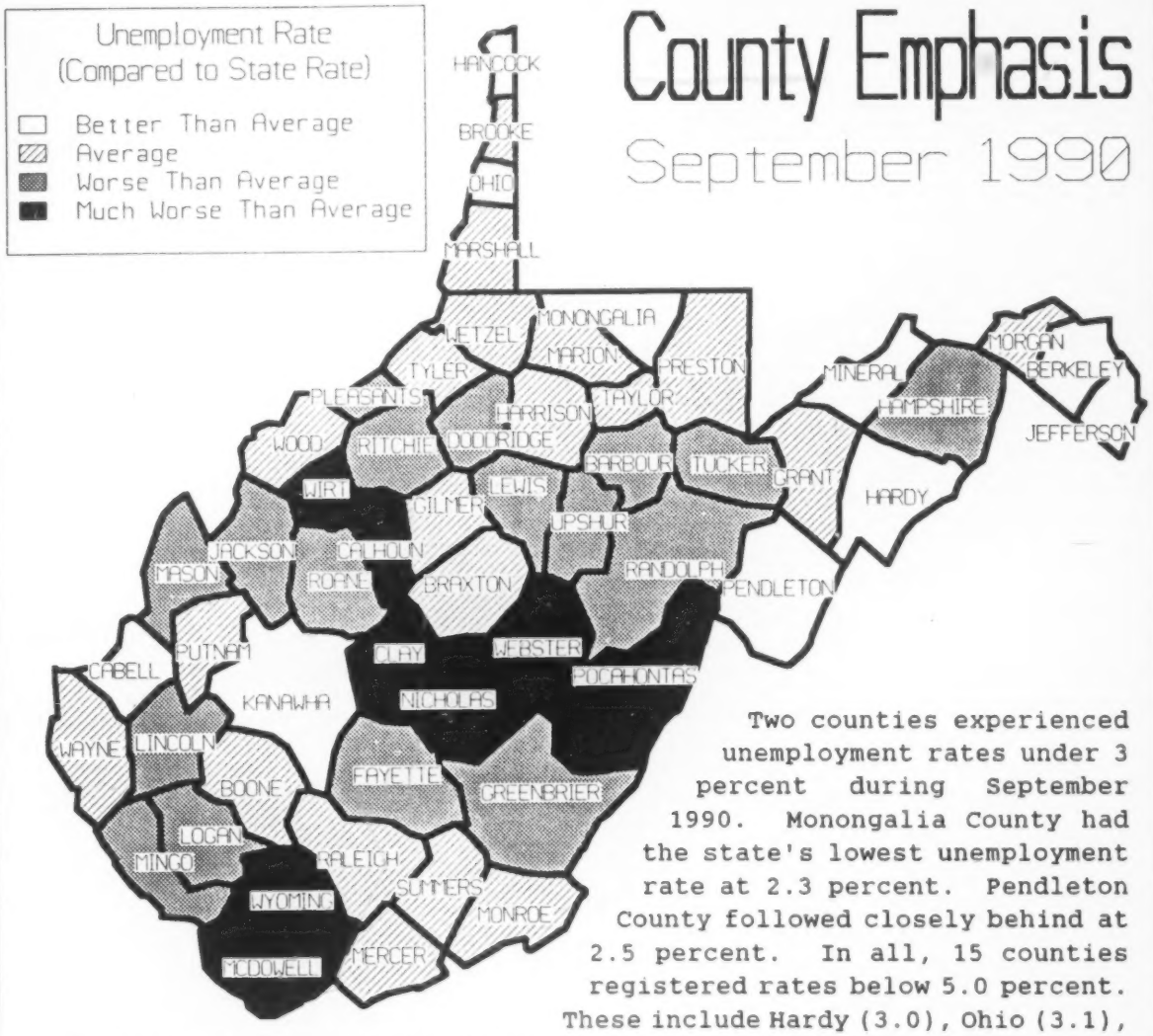
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1990

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Change From: Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	271.1	266.9	253.7	4.2	17.4
GOODS PRODUCING	23.9	24.2	23.5	-0.3	0.4
Mining	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.2
Coal Mining	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	19.8	20.2	19.8	-0.4	0.0
Durable Goods	7.7	7.9	7.9	-0.2	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.1	12.3	11.9	-0.2	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.8	1.9	1.7	-0.1	0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	247.2	242.7	230.2	4.5	17.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.9	8.0	7.7	-0.1	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Communications	3.5	3.6	3.6	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	68.0	67.5	60.9	0.5	7.1
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.6	5.3	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	62.3	61.9	55.6	0.4	6.7
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	11.1	10.6	10.4	0.5	0.7
Food Stores	11.7	11.6	10.2	0.1	1.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.4	3.1	0.1	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.5	5.5	4.2	0.0	1.3
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	20.0	20.3	18.1	-0.3	1.9
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	8.0	7.4	0.0	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.1	15.3	15.1	-0.2	0.0
Finance	10.5	10.6	9.8	-0.1	0.7
Insurance	3.0	3.0	3.4	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate	1.6	1.7	1.9	-0.1	-0.3
Services	93.5	92.5	87.0	1.0	6.5
Agricultural Services	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.8	4.9	3.8	-0.1	1.0
Personal Services	3.6	3.5	3.2	0.1	0.4
Business Services	6.9	6.5	6.0	0.4	0.9
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.0	3.2	2.7	-0.2	0.3
Health Services	45.4	45.4	42.9	0.0	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	8.9	8.9	7.4	0.0	1.5
Hospitals	22.9	22.9	22.0	0.0	0.9
Other Health Services	13.6	13.6	13.5	0.0	0.1
Legal Services	3.2	3.1	2.8	0.1	0.4
Educational Services	2.8	2.1	2.5	0.7	0.3
Social Services	6.7	6.1	5.9	0.6	0.8
Membership Organizations	11.4	12.0	11.7	-0.6	-0.3
Engineering & Management Services	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Government	62.7	59.4	59.5	3.3	3.2
Federal	6.6	6.8	6.8	-0.2	-0.2
Hospitals	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
U S Postal Service	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	3.7	3.9	3.9	-0.2	-0.2
State	16.8	15.8	16.0	1.0	0.8
Hospitals	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Education	7.7	6.5	6.2	1.2	1.5
Other State	7.2	7.4	7.8	-0.2	-0.6
Local	39.3	36.8	36.7	2.5	2.6
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Education	28.4	25.6	26.1	2.8	2.3
Other Local	6.8	7.1	6.7	-0.3	0.1
Total Private Sector	208.4	207.5	194.2	0.9	14.2

County Emphasis

September 1990



Two counties experienced unemployment rates under 3 percent during September 1990. Monongalia County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at 2.3 percent. Pendleton County followed closely behind at 2.5 percent. In all, 15 counties registered rates below 5.0 percent. These include Hardy (3.0), Ohio (3.1), Jefferson (3.1), Cabell (3.8), Hancock (3.9), Kanawha (3.9) and Mineral (4.0) counties.

Significant declines in unemployment rates were recorded by Wirt (-1.4), Roane (-1.3), Ritchie (-1.2), Tucker (-1.2), Mingo (-1.1) and McDowell (-1.0) counties.

The highest unemployment rates were observed in Webster (14.4), McDowell (11.9), Nicholas (10.2), Pocahontas (10.2), Clay (10.1) and Wirt (10.0) counties. These were the only counties to suffer double-digit unemployment rates for September 1990.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Division of Employment Security)**

September 1990
(Revised August 1990 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,690	(4,230)	4,260	(3,790)	430	(440)	9.1	(10.4)
Berkeley	26,170	(26,260)	25,040	(25,010)	1,130	(1,240)	4.3	(4.7)
Boone	7,740	(7,810)	7,280	(7,310)	460	(500)	6.0	(6.4)
Braxton	5,360	(5,360)	5,030	(5,030)	330	(330)	6.2	(6.1)
Brooke	10,370	(10,290)	9,910	(9,860)	470	(430)	4.5	(4.2)
Cabell	41,980	(41,690)	40,390	(39,940)	1,590	(1,750)	3.8	(4.2)
Calhoun	3,030	(2,900)	2,730	(2,640)	290	(270)	9.6	(9.2)
Clay	2,660	(2,660)	2,390	(2,390)	270	(270)	10.1	(10.1)
Doddridge	2,320	(2,320)	2,170	(2,170)	160	(150)	6.7	(6.5)
Fayette	16,410	(16,220)	15,230	(15,190)	1,180	(1,030)	7.2	(6.4)
Gilmer	2,720	(2,720)	2,600	(2,600)	120	(120)	4.5	(4.4)
Grant	4,040	(4,020)	3,790	(3,770)	250	(250)	6.3	(6.3)
Greenbrier	14,570	(14,440)	13,590	(13,660)	980	(780)	6.7	(5.4)
Hampshire	6,680	(6,640)	6,180	(6,210)	500	(430)	7.5	(6.5)
Hancock	13,800	(13,690)	13,270	(13,210)	540	(480)	3.9	(3.5)
Hardy	5,650	(5,690)	5,480	(5,520)	170	(180)	3.0	(3.1)
Harrison	28,240	(28,200)	26,540	(26,580)	1,710	(1,620)	6.0	(5.7)
Jackson	8,830	(8,860)	8,240	(8,220)	590	(650)	6.7	(7.3)
Jefferson	19,020	(18,880)	18,420	(18,300)	600	(590)	3.1	(3.1)
Kanawha	95,870	(96,160)	92,080	(92,570)	3,790	(3,600)	3.9	(3.7)
Lewis	6,780	(6,780)	6,240	(6,210)	540	(570)	7.9	(8.4)
Lincoln	7,040	(7,100)	6,410	(6,420)	630	(680)	8.9	(9.6)
Logan	12,730	(12,800)	11,740	(11,730)	1,000	(1,070)	7.8	(8.4)
McDowell	6,210	(6,330)	5,480	(5,520)	740	(820)	11.9	(12.9)
Marion	21,040	(20,830)	19,890	(19,600)	1,150	(1,240)	5.5	(5.9)
Marshall	14,390	(14,320)	13,750	(13,710)	640	(610)	4.4	(4.2)
Mason	8,230	(8,320)	7,630	(7,660)	600	(660)	7.3	(7.9)
Mercer	25,490	(25,060)	24,130	(23,770)	1,350	(1,300)	5.3	(5.2)
Mineral	10,360	(10,410)	9,950	(9,860)	410	(560)	4.0	(5.3)
Mingo	10,150	(10,160)	9,490	(9,380)	660	(770)	6.5	(7.6)
Monongalia	37,730	(37,000)	36,860	(36,040)	870	(970)	2.3	(2.6)
Monroe	5,040	(5,000)	4,790	(4,810)	250	(190)	4.9	(3.7)
Morgan	5,000	(4,980)	4,750	(4,760)	250	(220)	5.0	(4.4)
Nicholas	8,570	(8,550)	7,700	(7,690)	870	(860)	10.2	(10.0)
Ohio	24,040	(23,990)	23,300	(23,220)	740	(770)	3.1	(3.2)
Pendleton	3,940	(3,970)	3,840	(3,890)	100	(90)	2.5	(2.1)
Pleasants	2,270	(2,240)	2,070	(2,060)	200	(180)	8.7	(8.0)
Pocahontas	4,320	(4,320)	3,880	(3,890)	440	(430)	10.2	(9.9)
Preston	12,110	(11,840)	11,480	(11,230)	630	(620)	5.2	(5.2)
Putnam	16,190	(16,330)	15,450	(15,530)	740	(800)	4.6	(4.9)
Raleigh	26,160	(26,510)	24,570	(24,840)	1,590	(1,670)	6.1	(6.3)
Randolph	11,270	(11,210)	10,260	(10,220)	1,010	(990)	9.0	(8.8)
Ritchie	4,820	(4,960)	4,430	(4,490)	390	(460)	8.1	(9.3)
Roane	4,520	(4,460)	4,100	(4,050)	420	(410)	9.3	(9.2)
Summers	4,060	(4,150)	3,840	(3,890)	220	(260)	5.5	(6.2)
Taylor	5,560	(5,550)	5,200	(5,210)	360	(340)	6.4	(6.1)
Tucker	3,850	(3,880)	3,580	(3,560)	280	(330)	7.2	(8.4)
Tyler	4,510	(4,520)	4,230	(4,230)	280	(290)	6.1	(6.4)
Upshur	7,870	(7,530)	7,330	(6,940)	530	(590)	6.8	(7.8)
Wayne	15,270	(15,100)	14,490	(14,330)	780	(770)	5.1	(5.1)
Webster	2,950	(2,950)	2,530	(2,520)	430	(430)	14.4	(14.6)
Wetzel	8,750	(8,810)	8,270	(8,270)	480	(540)	5.5	(6.1)
Wirt	2,510	(2,510)	2,260	(2,220)	250	(290)	10.0	(11.4)
Wood	40,140	(40,510)	37,980	(37,910)	2,160	(2,600)	5.4	(6.4)
Wyoming	6,570	(6,550)	5,940	(5,920)	630	(630)	9.6	(9.6)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Division of Employment Security and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

September 1990
(Revised August 1990 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,180	(4,780)	4,410	(4,020)	770	(760)	14.9	(15.9)
Berkeley	27,950	(28,620)	25,920	(26,480)	2,030	(2,140)	7.3	(7.5)
Boone	8,370	(8,600)	7,530	(7,740)	830	(860)	9.9	(10.0)
Braxton	5,800	(5,890)	5,200	(5,330)	600	(560)	10.3	(9.6)
Brooke	11,090	(11,180)	10,250	(10,440)	840	(740)	7.6	(6.6)
Cabell	44,670	(45,290)	41,810	(42,290)	2,870	(3,010)	6.4	(6.6)
Calhoun	3,360	(3,250)	2,830	(2,790)	530	(460)	15.7	(14.1)
Clay	2,960	(2,990)	2,470	(2,530)	480	(460)	16.4	(15.4)
Doddridge	2,520	(2,560)	2,240	(2,300)	280	(260)	11.1	(10.1)
Fayette	17,880	(17,850)	15,770	(16,080)	2,120	(1,770)	11.8	(9.9)
Gilmer	2,910	(2,960)	2,690	(2,750)	220	(210)	7.6	(7.0)
Grant	4,380	(4,430)	3,920	(3,990)	460	(440)	10.4	(9.9)
Greenbrier	15,830	(15,810)	14,060	(14,460)	1,760	(1,350)	11.1	(8.5)
Hampshire	7,290	(7,320)	6,390	(6,570)	900	(750)	12.3	(10.2)
Hancock	14,700	(14,820)	13,730	(13,980)	970	(830)	6.6	(5.6)
Hardy	5,970	(6,140)	5,670	(5,840)	300	(300)	5.1	(4.9)
Harrison	30,540	(30,940)	27,470	(28,150)	3,080	(2,790)	10.1	(9.0)
Jackson	9,600	(9,810)	8,530	(8,700)	1,060	(1,110)	11.1	(11.3)
Jefferson	20,140	(20,380)	19,070	(19,370)	1,080	(1,010)	5.3	(4.9)
Kanawha	102,140	(104,200)	95,310	(98,010)	6,820	(6,190)	6.7	(5.9)
Lewis	7,430	(7,560)	6,460	(6,580)	970	(980)	13.0	(13.0)
Lincoln	7,770	(7,970)	6,640	(6,800)	1,130	(1,170)	14.6	(14.7)
Logan	13,950	(14,270)	12,150	(12,420)	1,800	(1,850)	12.9	(13.0)
McDowell	7,000	(7,250)	5,670	(5,840)	1,330	(1,410)	19.0	(19.4)
Marion	22,660	(22,880)	20,580	(20,750)	2,080	(2,130)	9.2	(9.3)
Marshall	15,380	(15,560)	14,240	(14,510)	1,150	(1,050)	7.5	(6.7)
Mason	8,980	(9,250)	7,900	(8,110)	1,090	(1,140)	12.1	(12.3)
Mercer	27,420	(27,390)	24,980	(25,160)	2,440	(2,230)	8.9	(8.1)
Mineral	11,040	(11,390)	10,300	(10,440)	750	(960)	6.8	(8.4)
Mingo	11,020	(11,270)	9,820	(9,930)	1,190	(1,330)	10.8	(11.8)
Monongalia	39,720	(39,820)	38,150	(38,160)	1,570	(1,660)	4.0	(4.2)
Monroe	5,400	(5,420)	4,960	(5,090)	450	(320)	8.3	(5.9)
Morgan	5,360	(5,420)	4,910	(5,040)	450	(380)	8.4	(7.0)
Nicholas	9,540	(9,620)	7,970	(8,150)	1,580	(1,480)	16.5	(15.3)
Ohio	25,460	(25,910)	24,120	(24,590)	1,340	(1,320)	5.3	(5.1)
Pendleton	4,150	(4,260)	3,980	(4,120)	180	(150)	4.2	(3.4)
Pleasants	2,500	(2,490)	2,140	(2,180)	360	(310)	14.3	(12.4)
Pocahontas	4,810	(4,850)	4,020	(4,120)	800	(740)	16.5	(15.1)
Preston	13,020	(12,950)	11,890	(11,890)	1,130	(1,060)	8.7	(8.2)
Putnam	17,330	(17,820)	15,990	(16,440)	1,340	(1,380)	7.7	(7.7)
Raleigh	28,300	(29,170)	25,430	(26,300)	2,870	(2,870)	10.1	(9.8)
Randolph	12,440	(12,530)	10,620	(10,820)	1,820	(1,710)	14.6	(13.6)
Ritchie	5,300	(5,560)	4,590	(4,760)	710	(800)	13.4	(14.3)
Roane	5,000	(5,000)	4,240	(4,290)	760	(710)	15.2	(14.2)
Summers	4,370	(4,560)	3,970	(4,120)	400	(450)	9.2	(9.8)
Taylor	6,030	(6,100)	5,380	(5,520)	650	(580)	10.7	(9.6)
Tucker	4,200	(4,330)	3,700	(3,770)	500	(560)	11.9	(12.9)
Tyler	4,880	(4,980)	4,380	(4,480)	500	(500)	10.2	(10.0)
Upshur	8,550	(8,360)	7,590	(7,350)	960	(1,010)	11.2	(12.1)
Wayne	16,400	(16,490)	15,000	(15,170)	1,400	(1,320)	8.5	(8.0)
Webster	3,380	(3,410)	2,610	(2,670)	770	(740)	22.7	(21.7)
Wetzel	9,420	(9,680)	8,560	(8,760)	860	(920)	9.1	(9.5)
Wirt	2,790	(2,850)	2,340	(2,350)	450	(490)	16.2	(17.3)
Wood	43,200	(44,610)	39,320	(40,140)	3,890	(4,480)	9.0	(10.0)
Wyoming	7,290	(7,360)	6,150	(6,270)	1,140	(1,090)	15.6	(14.8)

All data have been revised to March 1989 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.1	112.5	108.3
Unemployment	4.5	4.4	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	3.9	4.3
Employment	107.5	108.1	103.6
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	124.1	123.0	121.9
Unemployment	4.6	4.9	4.3
Rate (%)	3.7	4.0	3.5
Employment	119.5	118.2	117.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	68.3	69.0	67.4
Unemployment	3.0	3.7	2.6
Rate (%)	4.3	5.4	3.8
Employment	65.3	65.2	64.8
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.7	68.5	67.5
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	2.4
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.5
Employment	66.6	66.4	65.1
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.1	36.1	35.9
Unemployment	2.2	2.1	2.2
Rate (%)	6.1	5.8	6.0
Employment	33.9	34.0	33.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.5	11.5	12.1
Unemployment	1.3	1.3	1.3
Rate (%)	11.3	11.2	10.4
Employment	10.2	10.2	10.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	49.8	48.8	48.4
Unemployment	1.5	1.6	1.5
Rate (%)	3.0	3.2	3.2
Employment	48.3	47.3	46.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.3	13.3	13.4
Unemployment	0.8	0.8	0.8
Rate (%)	5.7	6.2	6.3
Employment	12.5	12.5	12.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.6	19.4	19.5
Unemployment	1.2	1.0	0.9
Rate (%)	6.3	5.0	4.7
Employment	18.4	18.5	18.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.5	122.0	117.0
Unemployment	8.2	7.6	8.0
Rate (%)	6.8	6.2	6.8
Employment	111.3	114.4	109.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	129.8	130.9	128.9
Unemployment	8.2	8.4	7.3
Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	5.7
Employment	121.6	122.5	121.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	72.5	74.8	72.2
Unemployment	5.3	6.4	4.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.5	6.3
Employment	67.2	68.5	67.7
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.2	73.2	72.2
Unemployment	3.7	3.5	4.2
Rate (%)	5.1	4.8	5.8
Employment	68.5	69.7	68.0
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.1	39.6	39.2
Unemployment	4.0	3.6	3.7
Rate (%)	10.2	9.2	9.5
Employment	35.1	36.0	35.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	13.0	13.5
Unemployment	2.3	2.2	2.1
Rate (%)	18.1	17.0	15.9
Employment	10.6	10.8	11.4
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.7	52.8	52.0
Unemployment	2.7	2.7	2.6
Rate (%)	5.1	5.2	5.0
Employment	50.0	50.0	49.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.3	14.7	14.7
Unemployment	1.4	1.4	1.4
Rate (%)	9.5	9.7	9.8
Employment	12.9	13.2	13.3
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.2	21.2	21.2
Unemployment	2.2	1.7	1.6
Rate (%)	10.4	7.9	7.4
Employment	19.0	19.6	19.6

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area fell by 400 during September 1990. The goods-producing sector remained unchanged with an increase in construction (+100) and a decrease in mining (-100). In the service-producing sector declines were noted in trade (-200) and government (-200). Comparison with year-ago September 1989 data reveals an increase of 4,400 jobs. Major increases appeared in construction (+1,500), retail trade (+1,100), and services (+1,500).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased slightly during September 1990 (+100) in the Charleston MSA. The unemployment rate also rose slightly from 3.9 percent to 4.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a 200 decrease in total unemployment, while the corresponding unemployment rate declined from 4.3 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	112.1	112.5	108.3
Unemployment	4.5	4.4	4.7
Rate (%)	4.0	3.9	4.3
Employment	107.5	108.1	103.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	119.5	122.0	117.0
Unemployment	8.2	7.6	8.0
Rate (%)	6.8	6.2	6.8
Employment	111.3	114.4	109.0

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Change From: Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	113.0	113.4	108.6	-0.4	4.4
GOODS PRODUCING	18.6	18.6	16.7	0.0	1.9
Mining	2.0	2.1	1.9	-0.1	0.1
Construction	5.6	5.5	4.1	0.1	1.5
Manufacturing	11.0	11.0	10.7	0.0	0.3
Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.4	9.2	0.0	0.2
Chemical & Allied Products	7.9	7.9	7.9	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	94.4	94.8	91.9	-0.4	2.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.1	0.0	0.1
Trade	30.1	30.3	28.9	-0.2	1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.4	7.2	-0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	22.8	22.9	21.7	-0.1	1.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0
Services	28.9	28.9	27.4	0.0	1.5
Health Services	10.8	10.8	10.3	0.0	0.5
Government	20.0	20.2	20.3	-0.2	-0.3
Federal	1.8	1.9	1.8	-0.1	0.0
State	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.6	8.7	-0.1	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.1	0.1	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Sep.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Aug.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Sep.'89	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Sep.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Aug.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Sep.'89	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Sep.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Aug.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$613.33	$593.09	$576.83	44.9	43.9	43.6	$13.66	$13.51	$13.23
Nondurable Goods	636.98	621.72	608.52	44.7	44.0	44.0	14.25	14.13	13.83
Chemical & Allied Products	729.96	708.93	680.47	46.2	45.3	45.7	15.80	15.65	14.89

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia;
Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,500 during September 1990 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. This increase occurred in the service-producing sector (+1600), primarily in state (+700) and local (+700) government. The goods-producing sector fell by 100 over the month. Comparison with year ago September 1989 reveals an increase of 1,800 jobs. Nearly all of the over-the-year gains occurred in the service-producing sector (+1600), primarily retail trade (+800) and services (+600).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment fell during September 1990 (-300), with a corresponding decline in the unemployment rate to 3.7 percent of the local civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago figures indicates a slight increase (+300) in total unemployment.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	124.1	123.0	121.9
Unemployment	4.6	4.9	4.3
Rate (%)	3.7	4.0	3.5
Employment	119.5	118.2	117.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	129.8	130.9	128.9
Unemployment	8.2	8.4	7.3
Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	5.7
Employment	121.6	122.5	121.5

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Change From: Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	111.3	109.8	109.5	1.5	1.8
GOODS PRODUCING	27.6	27.7	27.4	-0.1	0.2
Mining	1.6	1.7	1.5	-0.1	0.1
Construction	5.2	5.4	5.3	-0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	20.8	20.6	20.6	0.2	0.2
Durable Goods	12.2	12.1	12.2	0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.6	1.7	0.1	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	7.7	7.8	7.8	-0.1	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.5	8.4	0.1	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.4	2.3	0.1	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	83.7	82.1	82.1	1.6	1.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.0	8.1	8.1	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	28.5	28.3	27.7	0.2	0.8
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	23.0	22.9	22.2	0.1	0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	24.7	24.5	24.1	0.2	0.6
Health Services	10.2	10.2	10.0	0.0	0.2
Government	18.6	17.3	18.4	1.3	0.2
Federal	2.9	3.0	2.8	-0.1	0.1
State	4.6	3.9	4.4	0.7	0.2
Local	11.1	10.4	11.2	0.7	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings Prelim. Sep.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Aug.'90	Average Weekly Earnings Revised Sep.'89	Average Weekly Hours Prelim. Sep.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Aug.'90	Average Weekly Hours Revised Sep.'89	Average Hourly Earnings Prelim. Sep.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Aug.'90	Average Hourly Earnings Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$557.61	$557.86	$517.65	41.8	41.6	40.6	$13.34	$13.41	$12.75
Durable Goods	595.64	606.42	557.95	43.1	43.1	41.7	13.82	14.07	13.38
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	533.20	545.67	469.14	43.6	43.0	42.0	12.40	12.69	11.17
Primary Metals Industries	646.28	661.57	608.87	42.8	43.9	40.7	15.10	15.07	14.96
Nondurable Goods	501.14	486.20	458.64	39.9	39.6	39.0	12.56	12.34	11.76

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined slightly (-200) during September 1990 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The goods-producing sector fell by 800, primarily due to a labor-management dispute in the stone, clay and glass products industry (-400). Other declines were noted in the manufacturing industries as well, namely chemicals (-200) and other nondurable goods (-200). The service producing sector advanced by 600, due to employment gains in local (+400) and state (+100) government. Comparison with year-ago September 1989 data indicates a slight increase of 400 over the year. This increase occurred in the service-producing industries, particularly in retail trade (+400) and total government (+400). The goods-producing industries fell by 500 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment fell sharply in the Parkersburg MSA (-700) during September 1990. The local unemployment rate declined to 4.3 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago figures reveals an increase in the unemployment rate, from 3.8 to 4.3 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	68.3	69.0	67.4
Unemployment	3.0	3.7	2.6
Rate (%)	4.3	5.4	3.8
Employment	65.3	65.2	64.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	72.5	74.8	72.2
Unemployment	5.3	6.4	4.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.5	6.3
Employment	67.2	68.5	67.7

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Change From: Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	61.4	61.6	61.0	-0.2	0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	17.1	17.9	17.6	-0.8	-0.5
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.1	3.3	3.3	-0.2	-0.2
Manufacturing	13.5	14.1	13.8	-0.6	-0.3
Durable Goods	6.5	6.9	6.7	-0.4	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.8	1.8	-0.4	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	7.0	7.2	7.1	-0.2	-0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	5.2	5.4	5.3	-0.2	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.3	43.7	43.4	0.6	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Trade	15.3	15.3	15.1	0.0	0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	12.5	12.5	12.1	0.0	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Services	14.8	14.7	14.5	0.1	0.3
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Government	9.5	9.0	9.1	0.5	0.4
Federal	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1
Local	6.7	6.3	6.4	0.4	0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.4	0.0	0.2	XX	XX

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$347.94	$338.00	$338.54	40.8	41.1	42.8	$13.63	$13.09	$13.05
Durable Goods	443.73	455.88	471.91	37.7	39.3	41.0	11.77	11.60	11.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	367.67	392.73	357.76	43.6	44.3	44.8	13.02	13.38	12.48
Primary Metals Industries	439.38	418.78	487.71	33.9	35.4	39.3	12.84	11.83	13.41
Nondurable Goods	463.88	630.35	657.34	44.2	43.1	44.9	15.02	14.63	14.64

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: No individual industry experienced substantial employment gains, although total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 300 over the month. The largest industry increase was in state government employment at 200, while federal and local government are the only industries to lose employment (-100). When comparing September 1990 to the same month last year, a significant increase of 1,700 is seen. Those industries contributing most are the retail trade (600), mining (300), construction (300), and durable goods manufacturing industries (300). Nondurables along with finance, insurance, and real estate enjoyed an increase of 200. The only industries to reflect a decrease were wholesale trade (-100) and services (-100).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The unemployment rate showed no change from August 1990, but was half a point below the year-ago September 1989 figure of 3.5 percent. Total unemployment was down slightly over the year (-300) in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	68.7	68.5	67.5
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	2.4
Rate (%)	3.0	3.0	3.5
Employment	66.6	66.4	65.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Labor Force	72.2	73.2	72.2
Unemployment	3.7	3.5	4.2
Rate (%)	5.1	4.8	5.8
Employment	68.5	69.7	68.0

NONAGRICULTURAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Change From: Aug. 1990	Change From: Sep. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	61.9	61.6	60.2	0.3	1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	12.7	12.5	11.6	0.2	1.1
Mining	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Construction	2.5	2.4	2.2	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	7.7	7.6	7.2	0.1	0.5
Durable Goods	3.3	3.2	3.0	0.1	0.3
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0.0	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.2	49.1	48.6	0.1	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Trade	17.1	17.1	16.6	0.0	0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	14.2	14.2	13.6	0.0	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Services	16.6	16.5	16.7	0.1	-0.1
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Government	8.9	8.9	8.9	0.0	0.0
Federal	0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1	0.0
State	1.6	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.0
Local	6.6	6.7	6.6	-0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89	Prelim. Sep.'90	Revised Aug.'90	Revised Sep.'89
Manufacturing	$538.41	$549.54	$636.25	42.4	41.6	44.4	$13.17	$13.21	$14.33
Nondurable Goods	392.87	401.11	755.86	41.2	41.2	47.9	14.39	14.39	15.78
Durable Goods	520.58	496.16	503.42	43.6	42.2	40.5	11.94	11.71	12.43

Applicants and Nonagricultural Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	81,692	43,191	18,005	3,931	2,513	13,834	4.5	11.0
Professional, Technical & Managerial	7,909	4,718	382	200	127	136	20.7	23.6
Clerical & Sales	23,069	11,954	2,916	1,099	676	1,899	7.9	10.9
Services	10,214	5,028	2,198	717	410	1,241	4.6	7.0
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	602	298	56	16	8	38	10.8	18.6
Processing	4,504	2,442	239	82	26	197	18.8	29.8
Machine Trades	5,394	3,238	453	300	222	139	11.9	10.8
Benchwork	3,532	2,023	522	221	168	353	6.8	9.2
Structural Work	12,353	7,058	855	450	338	404	14.4	15.7
Miscellaneous	15,784	7,226	10,384	846	538	9,427	1.5	8.5
Transportation	3,393	2,054	335	161	54	140	10.1	12.8
Packaging & Materials Handling	10,681	4,089	9,938	634	455	9,207	1.1	6.4
Other 4/	1,710	1,083	111	51	29	80	15.4	21.2
Entry Total 5/	64	27	0	0	0	6/	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1990 through September 30, 1990. Program Year 1990 defined as July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989	Percent Change to September 1990 from: Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
Total Initial Claims 1/	5,390	7,045	4,830	-23.5	11.6
Total Continued Weeks	51,180	57,629	49,123	-11.2	4.2
Total Benefits Paid	$5,966,670	$6,709,334	$5,826,383	-11.1	2.4
Total Weeks Compensated	41,911	47,747	41,958	-12.2	-0.1
Average Weekly Payment	$142.37	$140.52	$138.86	1.3	2.5
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.2	2.2	2.0	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$155,414,696	$161,566,870	$145,060,343	-3.8	7.1

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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